

## BIG PROBLEMS UP

Huns, Turks and Reds Big Questions Before League.

"Big Three" Premiers Are Wide Apart on Views.

## WAR GUILTY DEBATE IS FIRST

Seat of Nations League Now Moved to London.

Make Second Attempt to Agree on Adriatic Solution.

London, Feb. 12.—London today has replaced Paris as the seat of deliberations to settle problems growing out of the world war.

With the "big three" conference of premiers in session to decide future allied attitude toward Russia, settlement of the Adriatic dispute between Italy and Jugoslavia, disposition of Constantinople and measures to force Germany to live up to Article 228 of the treaty of Versailles, and the council of the League of Nations meeting to bring about organization of that world society, London had become for the moment virtually the capital of Europe.

The "big three"—Premiers Lloyd George, Millerand and Nitti—were confronted with some of the most difficult questions that have come since the closing of the main peace conference in Paris. The matters include many that have been sidetracked time after time because of their delicacy.

## War Guilty Big Problem.

One of the first questions to come before the premiers, it was believed, will be Germany's virtual refusal to deliver the list of war guilty whom she demands, and her intransigence in delivering coal to France, as provided by the treaty. Germany already is far behind in these deliveries, French officials have complained.

There were many indications that the premiers' discussion probably will be marked by heated debate as it was known that as long as the treaty is not signed, the French will not allow the demand for surrender of German war guilty to be made a test case as to Germany's intentions.

Great Britain, it was said, is reluctant to allow the demand for surrender of German war guilty to be made a test case as to Germany's intentions. While France takes the position that drastic measures must be used, if necessary, to force Germany to live up to Article 228, the presence of Marshal Foch, who arrived late yesterday with Premier Millerand, was taken to indicate the French determination to discuss military measures if necessary, to enforce surrender of the accused Germans.

Disagrees on the Turk.

A wide split in plans for disposition of Constantinople also was indicated. Before leaving Paris, Millerand told the French foreign affairs committee the favored permitting the Turks to remain in Constantinople, with possible international control of the city and port. Lloyd George on the other hand recently told parliament that the Turks cannot be allowed to remain in Europe. In this controversy, it was said, Premier Nitti will side with France.

Conflicting interests in the Near East also were expected to cause trouble. France, it was said, will insist upon her full rights under the treaty of 1916.

It was predicted that some solution of the Adriatic puzzle will be reached at the conference. The first plan, it was believed, will be a second endeavor to get Jugoslavia to accept the recent allied compromise agreement which Jugoslavia once rejected. France and Great Britain, it was stated authoritatively, are ready to go almost any length to finally dispose of this troublesome controversy.

## HONOR TO LINCOLN

Life of Martyr President an Ideal of Americanism.

Secretary Lansing Observes Birthday of Civil War Chief.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The American people were advised today by Secretary Lansing to find in the life of Abraham Lincoln the inspirations to the fundamental national principles of liberty and justice. "The memory of Lincoln," said the secretary of state, "of his humble origin, of his attainment to the highest honor in the gift of his fellow countrymen, of his unsurpassed service to the republic, of his character as a man and as a public servant is one of the great spiritual assets of this nation."

In commemorating the birth of Abraham Lincoln, we do honor to the American spirit of which he is the personification. He is the typical American for future generations, the inspiration to us all to forget self in devotion to our country and to the eternal principles of liberty and of justice which are the life blood of the nation.

## OIL PRODUCTION ON INCREASE.

23,000,000 More Barrels During 1919 Than in 1918.

Oil City, Feb. 12.—Oil production in the United States during 1919 was 265,255,411 barrels, a 20 percent increase over 24,000,000 barrels of the previous year, according to the annual report of the Oil City Derrick, made public today. The figures are based on pipe line receipts reported monthly, estimates of pipe lines not reported in the annual report, and estimates from fields where no regular pipe line service existed.

The 1919 report is a new high record in the annual petroleum output of the United States, according to the review. Fields which showed gains were North Carolina, Texas, North Louisiana, Gulf coast, Kentucky, Wyoming and the Lima districts. Losses were recorded for Kansas, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and southeastern Ohio.

## WITH RESERVATIONS SAYS WOOD

Answers Borah Questionnaires as to Stand on the League.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The League of the Nations, which has been called a "modified and safeguarded by the existing League of Nations," Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood said in his reply to Senator Borah's questionnaires on the peace treaty, made public here today. The League reservations Americanize the treaty and safeguard traditional American policies, Wood said.

## UNITE WITH LABOR

Farmers Plan to Eliminate the Middleman.

Body Blow at H. C. L. Planned at Chicago Meet.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Reduction of the high cost of living thru the elimination of the middleman and his profit is the aim of the All-American Farmer-Labor Co-operative congress meeting here today, G. H. Gustafson, president, declared.

Delegates from the entire country attended the first session of the congress which is expected to approve co-operative measures framed by eight committees.

Gustafson reiterated denials of reports that the gathering would be made the occasion for the launching of a third party.

The organized farmer and labor forces uniting to country and city of direct trading and co-operative banking, are not going to be inveigled into any "will-of-the-wisp politics," Gustafson said. "We have no intention of launching a third party movement."

Gustafson was to give the keynote of the meeting in his address to the first session today. He was to be followed by Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Dalton T. Clarke, president of the National Co-operative association.

## RAILWAY MEN

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agreement which provides that a thirty-day notice of cancellation must be given. W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, also was to confer with the director general on his individual reasons for invalidating the agreement which his organization has. Notification of intention to break the agreement was given Mr. Hines January 23, which was the 30-day notice required by the contract with the railroad administration on February 23, six days before the roads return to their owners. The action of Mr. Lee admittedly is giving administration officials concern.

While his representatives have participated in all sessions of the general conference, Mr. Lee contended his organization has reserved the right to press its grievances for adjustment separately. He declined to add to his statement of yesterday which asserted the trainmen had sufficiently long for the government to force down living costs.

## TO PETITION FOR RAIL MEN.

Hopkins Before Industrial Court on Behalf Maintenance Workers.

Richard J. Hopkins, attorney general, will double file application before the industrial court for wage increases for Kansas members of the railroad brotherhood of maintenance of way. The petition will be filed as soon as the railroads are restored to public control.

Hopkins has held a number of conferences this week with members of the railroad union relative to action before the new labor court. He advised the labor representatives that criminal prosecutions would be filed in district courts of the state in event the strike order was issued for Kansas by national officers of the union or transmitted by local union representatives. It is impossible to prevent the wage question until federal control is released. At that time the case may be taken up. The criminal cases, in event of a strike, would be before district courts in Kansas and not before the court of industrial relations.

## LINCOLN LEAGUE IN PROTEST.

Negro Organization Wants Laws to Put End to Lynching.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Demands for legislation and law enforcement to stop lynching of negroes were formulated here today at the national convention of the Lincoln League, a colored organization.

Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, in an address to the convention, tonight joined his voice to those of the negro leaders in assailing the practice. "Lynching under any circumstances or conditions is a crime," Hays said. "It is a crime against judgment and justice, reason and righteousness. It is an assault on our most sacred institutions. It merits the execration of every high minded citizen and should not occur."

## Milk in Berlin Two Marks Per Quart.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—The municipality of Berlin has decided to raise the price of milk for the purpose of lowering the price of milk for needy families, nursing mothers and invalids. The regular price of two marks per quart has been reduced for these people to one mark, twenty pennings.

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## THEATERS LOSE CASE

Must Stay Closed Until Flu Is Lifted, Judge McClure Rules.

Topeka theaters will remain closed until authorized by the health board to reopen as a result of the refusal of Judge James A. McClure Wednesday afternoon to grant a restraining order against the city health board and commissioners, as asked by the Kansas Amusement company, owned by L. M. and Roy Crawford.

In rendering his decision after listening to hours of argument for and against the closing order, Judge McClure expressed sympathy for the theater men thus deprived of their chief source of revenue while their expenses continued as before. He made a lengthy statement of his opinion in the case and quoted laws and Kansas reports relative to the closing order cannot be granted under such circumstances.

"The court is bound by the law," he said, "and the law is plainly laid down by the supreme court in the case of Hesse, against the city, the stand and subjected to that grueling officers required by law to perform duties involving the exercise of judgment and discretion while in good faith performing such duties. Now, the judgment of the city health board members is not to be questioned. It is a great deal more drastic and unbending than the original Lodge reservation."

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## STOLE SOLDIER ALLOTMENTS

Six Persons Are Now Held on Charge by Federal Officers.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Six persons accused of stealing checks of soldiers' dependents from the mail were held today by federal authorities here. The government believes a nation-wide gang existed for the purpose of working the fraud.

Two of those held were postal clerks and are alleged to have taken soldiers' insurance payments, allotments and other money from the mails and the mails and their confederates cashed the checks.

Byron R. Parks and Henry A. Weston, negro postal clerks, confessed to the conspiracy, following their arrest, federal officers declared.

## GOV'T TO FOLLOW

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for the state a more important conservative union laboring men. The radical leaders will go to fields where they may still prey upon the unions and live off industrial agitation. But the conservative union men who possess much greater numbers than the radical, public opinion will come to Kansas where they are guaranteed steady employment. With them will come those industries which desire to operate in a sane and just and orderly industrial atmosphere.

"I believe the thing we have done in Kansas can be done in the nation at large. It is more experimental than the establishment of the civil and criminal courts were experimental when the evolution of society led us to their necessity. Every industrial warfare presumably is started to obtain justice. Surely, all believers in Anglo-Saxon institutions, we must all realize that the only source from which justice may emanate is orderly and impartial government."

Radicals seek "Revolution."

"As the radical labor leaders are seeking to create a proscriptive political organization which shall threaten public officials, it is important to study the American situation. There shall be one standard of justice for all men, one pledge of its quality, one guarantee of its administration and that standard, pledge and guarantee shall be the sovereign power of the government to which so many have given their lives and blood. Their sacred honor. It stands us as at a crowded and confused hour like this to contemplate Abraham Lincoln. At a time when the vibrations which come to us out of a shattered Europe threaten our stability, it gives us a moment of calmness and time for study of the sturdy American, to catch the faith he had in justice and to feel again the unerring wisdom which he found in righteousness and courage. So long as the national spirit is anchored to Lincoln, the American republic will be true to the type which represents government of the people, for the people, by the people."

## NEW YORK STREETS BLOCKED.

Fire Department Is Forced to Use Sidewalks Answering Calls.

New York, Feb. 12.—Great piles of snow and ice remaining in the streets from last week's storms and the resulting blockades of stalled traffic constituted "the worst scene in the history of New York," according to Fire Chief Keenan, who today appealed to business men to reduce the amount of traffic on snow-clogged streets where vehicles are likely to be stranded.

The chief issued his appeal largely on account of the difficulty he encounters in reaching a blaze in Lower Broadway last night. Engines and trucks were forced to use sidewalks because of their inability to make progress thru the blocked streets.

## UNCLE SAM GETS THE MOST

Jack Dempsey's Half Million Pledge "If He Gets It" Will Be Way Short of \$500,000.

New York, Feb. 12.—Jack Dempsey's half million dollar pledge—if he gets it—for fighting Georges Carpentier, won't be any way near the half million when Uncle Sam gets his share.

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## HITCHCOCK VICKS

Mild Reservationist "Compromise" Too Drastic, He Says.

Disposing of Article Ten Promises To Be Big Job.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Indications of the difficulties that must be overcome before the senate can reach a compromise on Article 10 of the League of Nations covenant were seen today in rejection by Senator Hitchcock of a widely heralded "compromise" submitted by mild reservationists. Hitchcock declared that acceptance by Democrats would involve an even more abject surrender than acceptance of the original Lodge reservation.

The proposed compromise modification of the Lodge reservation, which Lodge was declared by mild reservationists to have accepted, provided that "the United States assumes no obligation to preserve by the use of any weapon, military or naval, or by the economic boycott or by any other means the territorial integrity and political independence of any other nation."

More Drastic Than Ever.

It differs from the original Lodge reservation in the addition of the military or naval forces, or by the economic boycott or by any other means. In the opinion of many senators, it is a great deal more drastic and unbending than the original Lodge reservation.

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Ten Hour Search Rewarded by Finding Body of Missing Man.

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## TODAY'S MARKET REPORTS

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

(The following sales were made this morning at the Stock Yards, Kansas City, and reported over long distance telephone direct to the State Journal by City Robinson & Co., live stock commission men.)

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## Hungarian Reply Back Today.

Paris, Feb. 12.—Count Apponyi, head of the Hungarian peace delegation, was to present his government's counter proposal to its peace treaty at 3 p. m. today. The time limit for the Hungarian proposals as set down by the peace conference expires tonight.

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